

switch that detects tampering with the parking meter, and a N-PCS (narrowband personal communications services) two way radio that informs a host computer at a control center of parking violators.¹ Manion describes the operation of the parking meters as follows.

Functionally, the sonar range finders periodically check for the presence of a vehicle. If a vehicle is not detected, the range finder clears the time on the meter and puts the meter in the sleep mode to conserve battery life. This eliminates motorists from obtaining free parking time from a previously parked vehicle, thus increasing parking meter revenue. If there is a vehicle in the parking space and the meter time has elapsed, the meter notifies the parking attendant of the violator.²

Manion fails to teach or suggest at least "a server that is accessible over the Internet by a subscriber using a wireless communications device; and a software application that instructs the server to transmit parking data over the Internet to the wireless communications device of the subscriber, wherein the parking data can be rendered by the subscriber using the wireless communications device as a substantially real-time representation indicating an occupancy condition of an available parking lot, and the occupancy condition changes according to presence and absence of vacant parking spaces within the available parking lot" as recited by independent claim 21.

Furthermore, Manion fails to teach or suggest at least "a server that is accessible over the Internet by a display device; and a software application that instructs the server to transmit parking data over the Internet to the display device, wherein the parking data can be rendered by the display device as a substantially real-time representation indicating an occupancy condition of an available parking lot, the occupancy condition changes according to presence and absence of vacant parking spaces within the available parking lot, and the real-time representation comprises a map identifying a location of at least one available parking space within an available parking lot having an occupancy condition corresponding to at least one vacant parking space being present within the available parking lot" as recited by independent claim 35.

¹ See col. 1, ll. 50-53.

² See col. 2, ll. 27-35.

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In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 21 and 35 are allowable over Manion and that dependent claims 22-34 and 36-40 are allowable by virtue of their dependency, as well as on their own merits.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance and requests favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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